(*a*) a statement, by caste, of the appointments of the ministerial staff made in the Huzur Secretariat since the Public Service Commissioner began advising appointments;

(*b*) whether all the appointments were made as per the advice of the Public Service Commissioner;

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the negative, the number of appointments made contrary to the advice of the Public Service Commissioner and an account of the special circumstances that necessitated each such appointment; and

(*d*) a statement, by caste, of such appointments made from the 15th Kanni 1114 to the 20th of Mithunam 1114?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) The *statement required is laid on the table.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No appointment was made contrary to the advice of the Public Service Commissioner.

(*d*) In view of answer to part (*c*) this does not arise.

MR. K. G. GOVINDAN: Sir, there appears to be an apparent contradiction in the answers. Sub-division (b) of the question is whether all the appointments were made as per the advice of the Public Service Commissioner. The answer given is "No." The answer to the next question is given as no appointment was made contrary to the advice of the Public Service Commissioner. May I know how this contradiction can be reconciled?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Sir, with regard to the question (b), the answer given is "No". Certain appointments can be made by the head of the departments in accordance with the Public Service recruitment rules; but without the advice of the Commissioner. There is thus no inconsistency between the two answers.

MR. P. S. MUHAMED: ആക്റിംഗ് ഒഴിവുകളിൽ ചെൻ നിയമനങ്ങൾ ഉള്ളതായി കാണുന്നു. മുസ്ലിമിങ്ങളിൽ നിന്നും ഒരാളേയും കാണുന്നില്ല. ഈ നിയമനങ്ങൾ പബ്ലിക്ക് സർവീസ് കമ്മീഷണരുടെ ഉപദേശം അനുസരിച്ചാണോ നടത്തിയിട്ടുള്ളത്?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: അല്ല.

Discoveries made by the Archaeological Department.

284. *MR. K. G. GOVINDAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of discoveries made by the Archaeological Department during the year 1113 and whether that Department has brought out anything new that year which was not traced out or located during previous years?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: The Member is referred to pages 2 to 12 both inclusive of the Administration Report of the Travancore Archaeological Department for the year 1113 M. E.

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